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HEALTH REPORT FOR 1942.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Health Report for the year 1942, this being the twentieth one presented by me as your Medical Officer of Health.

The population of the District as estimated by the Registrar-General for mid-1942 was 29,920, as compared with 31,370 last year.

The Birth Rate for the year showed an increase, this being 16.4 as against 13.1 last year.

A decrease took place in the Death Rate, this being equal to 11.9 per thousand of population, as compared with 13.2 last year.

An increase took place in the Infantile Mortality Rate, viz.: 52 per thousand registered births, as against 37 last year. Owing to the small numbers involved, this Rate is liable to fluctuate.

A large decrease in the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified took place, this being due to a much smaller number of cases of Measles being reported.

In presenting this Report, I desire to express my appreciation of the kind help given me by the Council and its Officers. In particular, I would like to record my thanks for the loyal and efficient service rendered by all members of the Public Health Department.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. N. CAVE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Sevenoaks Rural District Council

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A. D. LOFTS (on Service).
T. OSBORNE (Temporary). E. P. CAGE (Temporary).

Health Visitor:

Mrs. V. M. BUCKLE.

SECTION A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	62,957
Reigstrar-General's estimate of population, mid-1942	29,920
Number of occupied houses, December, 1942	8,842
Rateable Value of District	£199,269
Sum represented by a penny rate	£810

SECTION B.—VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total.	M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.
Live Births:				
Legitimate ...	470	245	225	
Illegitimate ...	22	4	18	
Total Births ...	492	249	243	16.4
Still-births	13	8	5	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births. 25.7
Deaths	357	173	184	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population. 11.9
Deaths from puerperal causes:		Deaths.		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil			—
Other puerperal causes	Nil			—
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:				
All infants per 1,000 live births	52			
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	48			
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	90			
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	53			
do. Measles (all ages)	—			
do. Whooping Cough (all ages)	1			
do. Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	3			

HEALTH REPORT FOR 1942.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—During the year 492 Births were registered as belonging to the District, of which 249 were males and 243 were females. This is equal to an Annual Birth Rate of 16.4 per thousand of population, as compared with 13.1 last year.

Deaths.—The number of Deaths registered during the year as belonging to this District was 357 (173 males and 184 females). The Death Rate for the year was equal to 11.9 per thousand of population, as compared with 13.2 last year.

Infant Deaths.—During the year 26 deaths were registered as occurring in infants under one year of age, the Infantile Mortality Rate being 52 per thousand registered births, as compared with 37 last year.

	Sevenoaks Rural District.	England and Wales.
Birth Rate 	16.4	15.8
Death Rate 	11.9	11.6
Infantile Mortality Rate ...	52	49

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY & CASE RATES for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1942.

The following Table shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified, together with the number of cases removed to hospital, and the total deaths:—

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's. and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000, 1931 Census	London Administrative County	Severnoks Rural District
*Rates per 1,000 Population					
BIRTHS:					
Live	15.8	17.3	18.4	14.0	16.4
Still	0.54	0.66	0.62	0.48	0.20
DEATHS:					
All Causes	11.6	13.3	12.1	13.9	11.9
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.01
Diphtheria	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.02	—
Influenza	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.03
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	—
Rates per 1,000 Live Births					
Deaths under one year of age	49	59	46	60	52
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under two years of age	5.2	7.5	4.8	8.6	6.0
*Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population					
NOTIFICATIONS:					
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	—
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0.14	0.17	0.12	0.15	0.03
Scarlet Fever	2.19	2.49	2.34	1.86	1.37
Whooping Cough	1.73	1.97	1.58	2.72	1.46
Diphtheria	1.05	1.35	0.91	0.76	0.38
Erysipelas	0.30	0.36	0.26	0.43	0.12
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	—
Measles	7.46	9.27	7.39	8.62	3.08
Pneumonia	1.07	1.30	0.94	0.94	0.49
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still)					
MATERNAL MORTALITY: (excluding abortion)					
Puerperal Infection (No. 147)	0.42	} Not available.			
Others	1.59				
Total	2.01				
NOTIFICATIONS:					
Puerperal Fever	12.61	15.94	10.80	3.10	1.98
Puerperal Pyrexia				17.69	

Including Puerperal Fevers

*A dash (—) signifies that there were no Deaths

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following Table shows the number of cases notified, together with the number removed to hospital and the total deaths:—

Disease	Number notified	Removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	87	86	...
Diphtheria	24	21	...
Erysipelas	8	...	...
Paratyphoid Fever	1	1	...
Pneumonia	31	...	12*
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	...	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	2	...
Dysentery	1	1	...
Whooping Cough	92	...	1
Measles	194	3	...
TOTALS	441	114	13

* all forms

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following Table shows the work done at the Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic during the year:—

Number of sessions held	...	...	...	...	...	63
Number of new cases	...	...	...	...	...	1,611
Total attendance	...	...	...	...	...	3,104

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified, together with the number of deaths registered:—

	Notified			Deaths		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary ...	20	8	28	5	4	9
Non-Pulmonary	2	1	6	1	1	2
Total	22	12	34	6	5	11

The Kent County Council carries out the treatment for cases of Tuberculosis, and during the year the following number of patients have received treatment:—

Number receiving sanatorium treatment	...	...	...	24
Number receiving dispensary treatment	...	...	...	34
Dispensary supervision only	...	...	...	70

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 176.

No action was required to be taken under the above during the year.

LABORATORY WORK.

The bacteriological work in connection with this District is carried out at the County Laboratory, Maidstone, and during the year the following number of specimens have been examined there:—

	Positive	Negative	Total
Swabs for Diphtheria... ..	13	90	103
Sputa for Tubercle	12	—	12
Faeces	1	—	1
Totals	26	90	116

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

The District is served by two Isolation Hospitals, viz., the North and South Isolation Hospitals.

DRAINAGE.

No important alterations in the drainage system took place during the year.

DRAINAGE WORK.—Southern Area.

Weald:

Church Hall.—New water closet. New sink. Complete 4in. drainage system connected to sewer.

Morley's Farm.—New double-chambered septic tank installed with necessary 4in. drainage, etc.

Edenbridge:

Medhurst Row Farm.—Complete new drainage system. Two new W.C.s, bath, sinks, etc., all to double-chambered septic tank.

Cheverton's Works.—New W.C. New wash bowls. Connected to sewer.

Cowden:

Quinton's Garage.—New W.C. and wash bowls. Connected to sewer.

Queen's Arms Inn.—New double-chambered tank and 70 feet of 4in. drain. Repairs to existing drains.

Northern Area.

Seal:

Penfield Farm.—48 feet of 4in. drain connected to existing cesspool.

Godden Green Cottages.—12 feet of 4in. drain connected to new cesspool.

Sundridge:

Chapman's Farm.—256 feet of 4in. drain, 36 feet of 6in. drain connected to sewer.

Westerham:

Force Green Cottages.—12ft. of 4in. drain, with new cesspool.

SANITARY STATISTICS.

No. of Houses connected to the sewer	No. of Houses not connected to sewers	No. of Houses not provided with a piped water supply	No. of wells still in use for purpose of domestic supply
5662	3421	297	272

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

W.C.s	Pan or Pail Closets	Midden Privies	Ashpits separate from Midden Privies	Cesspools	
				No. of	No. of houses into
8375	683	41	113	2829	1428

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

A scheme for the emptying of cesspools came into operation in February, 1936. The Dennis machine which has been used to carry out this work has proved very satisfactory. The cesspool contents were disposed of by spreading over farm lands, and no complaints were received.

Total-number of cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	1,149
Number of 750-gallon loads	...	...	...	...	2,078
Gallons of sewage	...	...	...	...	1,558,500
Miles travelled	...	...	...	...	11,869
Petrol consumed	...	...	...	...	1,887
Miles per gallon (including petrol for vacuum)	...	...	...	...	6.289
Number of working days	...	...	...	...	253
Cesspools emptied per day	...	...	...	...	4.541
Petrol per day	...	...	...	...	7.458

Number of cesspools emptied in each Parish:									Free	Charge
Brasted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	14
Chevening	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	—
Chiddingstone	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	4
Cowden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	1
Dunton Green	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Edenbridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	14
Halstead	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	5
Hever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	20
Kemsing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	11
Leigh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	—
Otford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	7
Penshurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	1
Riverhead	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Seal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	5
Sevenoaks Weald	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71	2
Shoreham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	1
Sundridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	1
Westerham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	42
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	23
									998	151

A new cesspool emptier which had been on order for some time was delivered in June and immediately put into commission, thus allowing the existing machine to return to the makers for a much needed overhaul. This machine had been in use continuously for $6\frac{1}{2}$ years, and when returned after overhaul should still have a number of years of useful life. While we have been very fortunate up to date, the question of repairs and replacements causes some concern, and the question of delay due to breakdowns must not be overlooked.

Military occupation of premises in the area has again had a considerable effect in increasing the work of the machine during the year under review.

WATER SUPPLY.

There were no extensions of the mains during the year.

During the year the following number of samples were examined:—

	Number taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Remarks.
Bacteriological:				
South ...	120	109	11	The greater number of samples in the Southern area were due to works which were in course of progress at a certain private collecting ground. Such works are now complete and satisfactory results are now being obtained.
North ...	22	22	Nil	
Chemical:				The unsatisfactory samples were taken from wells, and works of improvement have since been effected, except in one case, where the laying on of Company's water is contemplated.
South ...	5	Nil	5	
North ...	8	1	7	
Totals ...	155	132	23	

HOUSE REFUSE AND SALVAGE COLLECTION.

The collection of house refuse and salvage is carried out by direct labour, four vehicles being employed, while a reconditioned lorry obtained in 1941 is used exclusively for the collection of salvage from village dumps and from premises where the amount of salvage is too great to be collected by the house refuse vehicles on their routine collections.

The major difficulties experienced during the year have been replacement of staff; three women are still employed, and it will probably be necessary to increase this number in due course. The majority of the remainder of the staff consist of men over military age or unfit for Military Service.

During the year under review this Council participated in two National Paper Contests, also in a special drive for non-ferrous metals, and in the Kent County General Salvage Drive. Satisfactory results were obtained in each case.

Over 400 tons of salvage (consisting of paper, bones, bottles, jars, rags and metal of all types) was disposed of, and the income from the sale of this salvage was approximately £1,555.

Again great assistance has been rendered by the Salvage Stewards and children, particularly in the more isolated parts of the District. Voluntary organisations (who retain the proceeds from the sale of salvage collected by themselves) disposed of over 100 tons.

	Bedford No. 1	Bedford No. 2	Bedford No. 3	Bedford No. 4
Miles travelled	6,346	5,668	7,068	4,689
Petrol consumed (gallons) .	806	823	812	760
Miles per gallon	7.932	6.887	8.704	6.17
Loads collected	458½	296½	278½	275¼
Average of each load ...	7 cu. yds.	7 cu. yds.	7 cu. yds.	7 cu. yds.
Average weight of each load (varying)	2 tons	2 tons	2 tons	2 tons

HOUSING.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

- (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 134
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 134
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 1
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1

- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 129

2.—Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notices.

- Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 81

3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

- (a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
- (a) By Owners Nil
- (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil
- (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 8
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
- (a) By Owners 7
- (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil
- (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil
- (d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

4.—Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

- | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) | (i) | Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at end of year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| | (ii) | Number of families dwelling therein | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 |
| | (iii) | Number of persons dwelling therein | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 140 |
| (b) | | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (c) | (i) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| | (ii) | Number of persons concerned in such cases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| (d) | | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (e) | | Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which you may consider it desirable to report. | | | | | | |

There is no serious overcrowding in the District and in some of the instances enumerated above the overcrowding is by one or two adults only.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
By other persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

SANITARY STAFF.

Two full-time Sanitary Inspectors are now employed by the Council, with two unqualified assistants for the Northern Area.

Mr. E. J. A. Bettle holds the additional appointment as A.R.P. Training Officer, and is also responsible for the decontamination of foodstuffs and clothing, and as a consequence a considerable amount of his time has again been devoted to Civil Defence duties.

In addition to attendance at various Exercises, etc., 101 visits were made in connection with Civil Defence duties, 20 lectures and demonstrations were given during office hours, and 49 lectures and demonstrations were given out of office hours, making a total of 69.

HEALTH VISITOR.

One full-time Health Visitor is employed by the Council, and works under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

During the year she has paid a total of 1,612 visits.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Maternity and Child Welfare work in this District is under the control of the Kent County Council.

The following Tables show the Centres established in this area, together with the days sessions are held and the total attendances made:—

Ante-natal Clinics.

Clinic.	Address.	Sessions held.	Total attendance.
Dunton Green:	Village Hall	3rd Wednesday afternoon	131
Edenbridge:	War Memorial Hospital...	1st Wednesday afternoon	149
Kemsing:	St. Edith's Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4th Monday	257
Sundridge:	Village Hall	3rd Monday afternoon ...	79

Child Welfare Centres.

Clinic.	Address.	Sessions held.	Total attendance
Crockham Hill:	Newlands, Crockham Hill	4th Friday afternoon ...	131
Dunton Green:	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	856
Edenbridge:	Church House	1st and 3rd Fridays ...	796
Four Elms:	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	380
Halstead:	Village Hall	1st and 3rd Thursdays ...	708
Kemsing:	St. Edith's Hall	1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays	1,450
Leigh:	Village Hall, High Street ...	1st and 3rd Tuesdays ...	249
Markbeece (Hever):	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesdays ...	341
Otford:	Memorial Hall	1st and 3rd Fridays ...	732
Penshurst:	Village Hall	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	759
Stone Street:	St. Lawrence Hall	2nd and 4th Fridays ...	308
Seal:	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesdays ...	444
Shoreham:	Church Room	2nd and 4th Thursdays ...	462
Sundridge:	Village Room	1st and 3rd Tuesdays ...	891
Weald:	Long Barn and Wickhurst Manor Nurseries (alternately) ...	1st and 3rd Mondays ...	-
Weald:	Windmill Inn	2nd and 4th Thursdays ...	228
Westerham:	Women's Institute	Each Thursday afternoon	1,268

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are five Swimming Baths and Pools within the District.

Seven visits were paid during the year, but no action was found necessary.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

During the year the following number of houses were found to be infested with bed bugs:—

Southern Area:	Council houses	1
	Other houses	1
Northern Area:	Council houses	1
	Other houses	1

All the houses were disinfested, the method employed being by "Roxen" T.C.Y. Insecticide in conjunction with sulphur candles.

In addition, seven houses were treated for beetle infestation.

NURSING FACILITIES.

The nursing facilities for the District are provided by the District Nursing Association, which is affiliated to the Kent County Nursing Association.

NURSING AND MATERNITY HOMES.

The County Council has delegated to the District Council the powers under the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to Nursing and Maternity Homes.

There are 3 registered premises within the District, the beds available being: maternity cases 1, other cases 22.

REGULATED TRADES.

	No. of Premises	Visits Paid	Defects	
			Found	Remedied
Dairies.	187	614	3	3
Cowsheds.	199		7	6
Slaughterhouses				
Licensed	9	...	...	...
Registered	18	...	...	...
Bakehouses.	23	37	2	1
Piggeries	4	4	2	2
Other food preparing places	62	186	2	2
Factories.	200	36	4	4
Workshops				...
Workplaces.	7	3	...	...
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...
Houses-Let-in-Lodgings	1	2	...	...
TOTALS	710	882	20	18

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

The Council have granted the following number of licences under the above Order during the year:—

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	...	4
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	1
do. (supplemental)	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accredited (not bottled on the premises)	...	...	...	...	...	1

MILK SUPPLY.

Particulars of Milk Samples examined at the County Laboratory, Maidstone, during the year:—

Designation.	Number taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Negative.	Positive.	Totals.
Tuberculin Tested ...	S. 20	S. 18	S. 2	S. —	S. —	S. = 79
	N. 59	N. 38	N. 21	N. —	N. —	N. = 79
Accredited ...	S. 109	S. 89	S. 20	S. —	S. —	S. = 178
	N. 69	N. 47	N. 22	N. —	N. —	N. = 178
School Milk ...	S. 13	S. 11	S. 2	S. —	S. —	S. = 32
	N. 19	N. 18	N. 1	N. —	N. —	N. = 32
Accredited for presence of T.B. Bacilli ...	S. 9	S. —	S. —	S. 9	S. Nil	S. = 18
	N. 9	N. —	N. —	N. 9	N. Nil	N. = 18
Ordinary for presence of T.B. Bacilli ...	S. 16	S. —	S. —	S. 16	S. Nil	S. = 31
	N. 15	N. —	N. —	N. 15	N. Nil	N. = 31
T.T. for presence of T.B. Bacilli ...	S. —	S. —	S. —	S. —	S. —	S. = 1
	N. 1	N. —	N. —	N. 1	N. —	N. = 1
	339	221	68	50		339

MEAT.

The number of permits issued by the local Food Officer to slaughter animals on private premises or at a recognised slaughterhouse was 48.

By mutual arrangement, assistance was rendered in meat inspection at the Government slaughterhouse situate in Sevenoaks Urban District. During the year 33 visits were paid for this purpose.

The total amount of meat and other foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

SOUTHERN AREA.

Contents of Tins.	No.
Apples	9
Mixed Fruit	7
Stewed Steak	2
Pickles (bottles)	4
Condensed Milk	41
Evaporated Milk	35
Sausage Meat	4
Pilchards	13
Ox Tongue	2
Braised Beef	5
Beans	4
Vegetables	27
Pork Sausages	4
Sardines	1
Salmon	1
Spiced Beef	1
Corned Beef	14
Chopped Pork	1
"Prem" Chopped Ham	1
Tomatoes	21
Milk	95
Pork and Beans	368
Total	660

	lbs.
Cheese	3
Bacon	27 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cake	7
Total	37 $\frac{3}{4}$

FISH	stone
Witches	5
Cod	6
Cod	9
Ling Fillets	5
Total	25

MEAT	lbs.
Heart and lungs of beast, T.B.	
Pig's head, T.B.	
1 calf offal, T.B.	
1 set of beast's lungs, T.B.	
Beast's head, tongue, liver, T.B.	

English silverside (U.D.C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Imported beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Imported lamb	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
2 pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46

Pigs slaughtered by cottagers under licence from Local Food Office: 15.

SOUTHERN AREA.

Contents of Tins.	No.
Pork Luncheon Meat	8
Sausage Meat	15
Other Tinned Meats	14
Corned Beef	2
Tinned Salmon	7
Sardines	1
Pilchards	19
Herrings	1
Milk	31
Vegetables, Fruit, etc.	10
Total	108

Ham: 1 whole ham	lbs. 13 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ox Liver: 1	15
Bacon: shoulder	8
Fish: yawlings	98
Butter	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Pigs slaughtered by cottagers under licence from Local Food Office:	33.

SHOPS ACTS.

The work under the Shops Acts is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors.

During the year the following work has been carried out:—

SOUTHERN AREA.—25 inspections. One contravention remedied after informal action.

NORTHERN AREA.—28 inspections. Two contraventions remedied after informal action.

CAMPING SITES.

There are 13 camping sites within the District, but only two of these were in use during the year. The “peak” number of persons was 12.

During the year two licences for the use of caravans were granted.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was found to be necessary during the year.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

It was not found necessary to institute legal proceedings to enforce the abatement of nuisances.

ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYELAWS.

No Acts or Byelaws were adopted during the year.

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1942.

Disease	Males.	Females.	Total.
Typhoid Fever, etc. ... ..	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever... ..	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ... ..	...	1	1
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	4	9
Other tuberculous diseases	1	1	2
Syphilis	2	...	2
Influenza	1	1	2
Measles ... ..	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...
Acute Infantile Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...
Cancer of Bronchial Cavity	3	1	4
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	4	7
Cancer of the Breast ... ..	...	5	5
Cancer, all other forms	23	14	37
Diabetes	1	4	5
Intra cranial vasc. lesions	14	23	37
Heart diseases	49	71	120
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	3	8
Bronchitis	8	4	12
Pneumonia (all forms)	8	4	12
Other respiratory diseases	5	4	9
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	3	3
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	2	1	3
Appendicitis ... ..	...	...	...
Other digestive diseases	8	7	15
Nephritis	3	2	5
Post and post-abort. sepsis ... ..	...	...	...
Other maternal causes ... ..	...	...	...
Premature Birth	8	4	12
Congenital malformation and birth injury	3	4	7
Suicide ... ..	...	2	2
Road accidents	4	...	4
Other violent causes	2	2	4
All other causes	15	15	30
TOTALS	173	184	357

